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Caller predicts that Westland's new clerk will be well-connected

I'm calling in with a suggestion for Mayor Thomas for appointing a city clerk. I suggest that he appoint his mother. She already has the right connections, and it really doesn't matter that she's not qualified because they don't pay that any mind in Westland. As long as you have the right connections, that's the only thing that matters.

School board presidency is a one-way ticket out the door

David Cox shouldn't let his election as [Wayne-Westland] school board president go to his head. Remember what happened to the last two presidents, Patricia Brown and Debra Fowlkes? Neither lasted more than a year on the board. The school board presidency is a one-way ticket into the street. We can only hope that Cox doesn't slam the door too hard on his way out.

Police are charged with public safety, not building sidewalks

This is in response to the 'Sound Off' about police giving all that guff to the man in the wheelchair who has to travel in the road during the winter because Westland doesn't have sidewalks on his street. It's not the police's fault that there isn't a sidewalk. The police are charged with public safety, not building sidewalks. The police are saving that man's life.

During the winter, there's no guarantee that cars will be able to safely stop for an unexpected wheelchair on snow-covered roads.

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One of the many vehicles buried in deep waters during last week's rainstorm is shown before the waters receded. MCN Special Photo

Flooding hits airport, high school and streets

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

While the flood of 1998 ranked far below Biblical proportions, it was wide and deep enough to create havoc with Detroit Metro Airport flight schedules, close busy roadways in Romulus (as well as nearby towns) and heavily dampen floors and carpeting inside Romulus High School.

A lightning strike during the height of the mini-storm knocked out the Romulus Police Department's 9-1-1 system for several hours. Romulus Police Lt. Robert Brown said the strike "fried" the outdoor 9-1-1 unit so badly, that it could not bounce calls over to the Belleville Police line as programmed in such crisis times.

Ameritech workers responded and effected the switch over to Belleville several hours later, Brown said. By Thursday morning it was switched again...this time to the Romulus police department's administration line and followup efforts returned the phone cycle back to normal.

The timing of the rain last Tuesday night (about 9:30 to 10 p.m. in most areas) was considered a blessing, but the instant flooding conditions still stranded motorists, coming home from shopping, social events and evening jobs. But many observers questioned what would have happened if the fierce rainstorm instead had hit earlier such as during rush hour at 4:30 to 5 p.m. that day.

Others expressed relief that the storm passed through the area so quickly (in most cases a half hour or less), or they said Wayne County could have been crippled for days as Boston was weeks ago. Flooding was worst along various stretches of Wayne Road in Romulus, where stalled vehicles were rescued from deep waters many hours after the flooding first occurred.

Norm McLendon, transportation chief of the Romulus Community School District, witnessed the heavy flooding of the school administration parking areas on Grant Road in Romulus on Wednesday morning and stated "more rain fell in that short half hour last night, than any other time I have seen here in the last 30 years."

Rain water seeped into four hallways at Romulus High School Tuesday night dampening carpets outside the Teen Health Clinic, 400 area classrooms, 600 area classrooms and the atrium area, Sam LaMonica, human services director, reported.

Travelers at Metro Airport took the brunt of the storm and its follow-up, as power outages stalled activities at the Davey Terminal, more than 80 flights cancellations crowded the darkened passenger and luggage areas and exits from I-94 at various sites throughout Romulus and Belleville became impassable for hours.

Ex-Judge Rogalle dies

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Former 34th District Court Judge Felix Rogalle of Belleville, 65, died suddenly on Saturday in Oakwood Hospital of Dearborn.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1932 in Detroit, son of the late Felix and Anna (Poniatowski) Rogalle. In 1955 he received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State and earned his judicial degree from Detroit College of Law in 1963. He was admitted to the bar the same year. He served as the Romulus Justice of the Peace from 1967-69.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1955-57.

Mr. Rogalle was chairman of the Romulus Charter Commission in 1967.

He was praised Monday night by his friend and City Councilman William Wadsworth for his roles as a justice of the peace and later as a 34th District Court Judge.

Wadsworth also cited Rogalle's efforts -- among

others -- in helping give area residents the choice of voting to switch Romulus from being a township to a city several decades ago.

Since his political defeat by current 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Rogalle has served as a local attorney with offices in Romulus.

Current 34th District Court Judge William Szlinis revealed Tuesday that he and his family were "shocked" when they heard of Mr. Rogalle's death.

Szlinis called Mr. Rogalle "a bright and interesting guy -- who had a unique sense of humor both on and off the bench. He also was a good golfer."

He is survived by three daughters, Ann (Phil) Rogalle-Ruffino of Milford, Kara Rogalle of Flint and Diane Rogalle of Washington D.C.; a sister, Barbara Rogalle-Miller of Belleville; a brother, Lawrence Rogalle, also of Belleville; and a nephew, Phillip Miller.



Felix Rogalle

Funeral arrangements were conducted by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville and a funeral Mass was said at St. Anthony Church in Belleville on Wednesday with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park of Flat Rock. Memorial gifts are urged to be sent to Michigan State University.

'Kelsey Hayes' clean-up now being planned

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Efforts to clean and revitalize the huge former Kelsey Hayes-Wheels complex -- for decades one of Romulus' top industries -- were revealed Monday night to the Romulus City Council, as plans also were outlined on the planned creation of a city Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

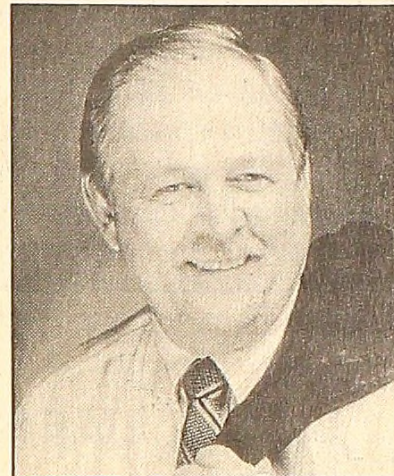
It was pointed out that Brownsfields are defined in Michigan as "abandoned, idled or underutilized industrial or commercial properties that have real or perceived environmental contamination."

Mayor William Oakley brought Jeffrey D. Spoon, vice president of the Northline Industrial Center, before the City Council to discuss the creation of a Romulus BRA and a Brownfield Redevelopment Zone.

The Northline Industrial Center was most recently known as Hayes Lemmerz.

Spoon said efforts will begin soon to modernize the former wheels plant with a major cleanup and modernization plan that will include the clearing of debris and cutting of the grass on the site, existing fencing will be cleaned of vegetation and painted, guard towers will be removed, light poles will be painted and pylon signs will be installed at the entrance of the facilities to identify Northline Industrial Center.

In addition, Spoon said, the roofs of all buildings will be repaired or replaced, the exte-



Mayor William Oakley

rior siding will be removed hundred thousand square feet of floor space exist in the buildings, Spoon said.

Spoon said all of Romulus would be included in the BRZ. But the council plans a public hearing on the authority issue on Aug. 24 and setting boundaries on the proposed BRZ.

Oakley said five to seven members of the current Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) would probably be named to the new BRZ unit. The TIFA board would remain alive however.

The council asked that more information be passed on to them prior to any public hearing and decision making procedure. An informational session was then approved for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10, just prior to the council meeting that night.

Modernization efforts would reportedly add to the city's tax base and hopefully add jobs.

Kesner president of school board

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Veteran Romulus Community School Board trustee Howard Kesner was elected president of the board during a mini-meeting on Monday night.

Kesner is in the final year of his third term on the board.

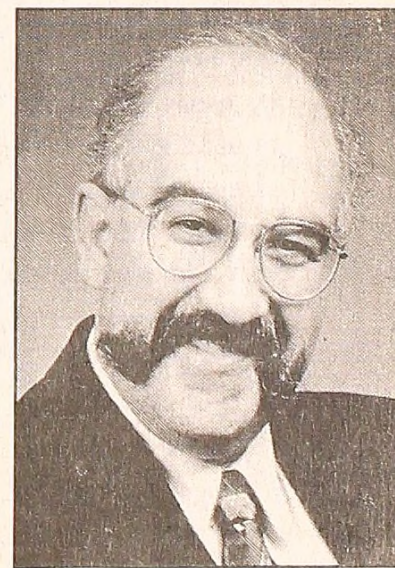
Betty Lenossi advanced to vice president and Michael Woods to secretary.

Woods thus is in line to become school board president next year.

School board meetings as in the past will continue to be at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

A committee was set up however to study whether any changes should be taken on the board's meeting schedule.

In addition, the school trustees voted to continue the Comerica and First of America banks as the district's depositories and that Superintendent Dr. William Bedell and the top four board officers continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents



Howard Kesner

(two names will be needed on each document).

The trustees also voted to continue the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel as the board's auditors and the firm of Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay and Katz and Thrun, Maatch and Nordberg as the district's attorneys.

New Merriman school principal is named

Shellie Moore-Kosino was offered the position of Merriman Elementary School principal Monday night by the Romulus Community School Board.

Moore-Kosino will be taking

over for Mary Kelley McGill, who was recently promoted to head the district's special education department.

She has been offered the job for the 1998-99 school year.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES

and receive two tickets
to your choice of movies
at Canton Cinema.



Here is your chance to vote for the best of the best in Western Wayne County. On this page you will find a ballot (below) that includes 150 categories. We ask you to take fifteen minutes and vote for your favorite places of business. You could win a grand prize of a \$100 gift certificate or a second prize of \$50 gift certificate to any of the winning businesses. If you are one of the first 100 people to send your ballot in you automatically get your choice of dinner for two or Pine Knob tickets. So Hurry! Fill your ballot out now and send to The Best of Western Wayne, c/o Michigan Community Newspapers, Box 578, Wayne, MI 48184. Winners will be announced in our Best of Western Wayne special section to be published August 27.

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1. Air Conditioning Contractor	51. Costume Store	101. Manicuring Service
2. Appliance Dealer	52. Craft Supply Store	102. Marina
3. Auto Repair Service	53. Credit Union	103. Men's Clothing Store
4. Auto Alarm Service	54. Dance Studio	104. Motorcycle Dealer
5. Auto Customizing	55. Deli	105. Moving Company
6. Auto Collision Service	56. Dentist	106. Muffler Sales and Service
7. Auto Dealer (GM)	57. Department Store	107. Music Store
8. Auto Dealer (Ford)	58. Disc Jockey	108. Nursing Home
9. Auto Dealer (Chrysler)	59. Doughnuts	109. Office Supply Store
10. Auto Dealer (Foreign)	60. Drapery Store	110. Pet Groomer
11. Auto Dealer (Used)	61. Fabric Shop	111. Pet Supply Store
12. Auto Glass Service	62. Factory Outlet Store	112. Photographer
13. Auto Leasing Company	63. Fireplace Store	113. Printer
14. Auto Parts Supply	64. Fishing Site	114. Radio Station
15. Bakery	65. Fishing Tackle Dealer	115. Real Estate Company
16. Bank	66. Carpet Store	116. Service Station
17. Banquet Hall	67. Florist	117. Shoe Store
18. Barber	68. Carry-Out Restaurant	118. Skating Rink
19. Beauty Salon	69. Formal Wear	119. Best Fast Food Restaurant
20. Bicycle Dealer	70. Funeral Home	120. Best Breakfast Restaurant
21. Billiards Equipment	71. Furnace Dealer	121. Best Lunch Restaurant
22. Boat Dealer	72. Furniture Store	122. Best Fine Dining
23. Boat Equipment and Supplies Store	73. Furniture Rental Store	123. Best Italian Restaurant
24. Book Dealer	74. Garden and Lawn Supplier	124. Best Chinese Restaurant
25. Bowling Alley	75. Gas and Propane Dealer	125. Best Ethnic Restaurant
26. Brake Service	76. Gift Shop	126. Best Seafood Restaurant
27. Bridal Shop	77. Golf Course	127. Best Steakhouse
28. Building Home Contractor	78. Golf Equipment Dealer	128. Best Pizza Parlor
29. Building Materials Dealer	79. Grocery Store	129. Snowmobile Dealer
30. Burglar Alarm Service	80. Gun Sales and Service	130. Sporting Goods Store
31. Bus (Charter) Service	81. Gutter Service	131. Storage Company
32. Cabinetmaker	82. Hardware Store	132. Window Company
33. Cable TV Service	83. Health Food Store	133. Swimming Pool Dealer
34. Candy Store	84. Hearing Aid Center	134. Tanning Salon
35. Car Wash	85. Hobby Store	135. Tattoo Parlor
36. Carpet Cleaners	86. Home Builder	136. Tax Preparer
37. Caterer	87. Hospital	137. Tavern
38. Cellular Phone Dealer	88. Hotel	138. Taxi Service
39. Cemetery	89. House Cleaning Service	139. TV Station
40. Child Care Center	90. Ice Cream Store	140. Theater
41. Children's and Infant Wear Store	91. Insurance Company	141. Tire Dealer
42. Chiropractor	92. Interior Decorator	142. Toy Store
43. Dry Cleaners	93. Investment Company	143. Trailer Hitch Dealer
44. Comic Book Store	94. Jeweler	144. Transmission Service
45. Computer Store	95. Kennel	145. Travel Agency
46. Computer Training	96. Landscaping Service	146. Veterinarian
47. Contractor Equipment Supplier	97. Laundromat	147. Video Rental Store
48. General Contractor	98. Library	148. Waterbed Dealer
49. Convenience Store	99. Limo Service	149. Weight Control Services
50. Copy and Duplicating Service	100. Locksmith	150. Women's Apparel Store

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Buy new cars, council says

Cantons' cop canine retires

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

In January the Westland City Council reluctantly bought a Taurus that the city had been leasing. Never again! said several council members.

So Mayor Bob Thomas agreed to reconsider the policy of buying the city's leased vehicles, a policy that some council members said was the most expensive way to buy cars.

"It's a bad deal for the city," said Glenn Anderson.

Fast forward to the July 6 council meeting: Police Chief Emery Price needed a new unmarked car, and the Thomas administration was asking council to buy the chief a 1996 Pontiac Bonneville for \$13,631 that had been leased for Thomas in 1996 at a cost of

about \$10,300, a total cost of about \$24,000 – too much for some council members.

"We recently purchased a brand new unmarked car for the fire chief \$16,000-\$17,000, so it doesn't make sense," said Anderson.

"If the administration wants to buy a car, it should buy it," said Councilman Richard LeBlanc, who priced a new Grand Prix at Red Holman at \$18,000 list, but would expect to buy it for about \$16,500, a \$7,500 savings. (Though the mid-sized Grand Prix is smaller than a roomy Bonneville, size is not a factor in unmarked police cars, LeBlanc said.)

While Chief Price didn't dispute the numbers, he said, "I just need a car."

Nevertheless, Thomas argued that the city should still

buy its leased cars.

"The bottom line is that if we purchased a used 1996 Bonneville, it could cost us \$20,000 (instead of \$13,000)," he said. "With less than 30,000 miles on it, it's still a good deal."

In the past, a 4-3 majority of council had allowed the mayor to follow this policy. However, last week Council President Sandra Cicirelli voted against purchasing the mayor's former leased car, apparently reversing the policy.

This didn't set well with Justice Barns, who said, "I'd like to move this to the next meeting [for reconsideration]."

Meanwhile, if LeBlanc is correct, the new policy will save the city and its taxpayers thousands of dollars on car purchases.

Canton's Public Safety canine, Bas, will be honored at the July 14 Board of Trustees meeting for his years of service to the community.

The eight-year-old Dutch Shepherd is retiring after an examination by doctors at the Michigan State University Small Animal Clinic. The doctors recommended that Bas be retired due to sever arthritis

in his right hip and developing in his left hip. Bas also suffers from muscle atrophy in the right hip. The examining veterinarian is an orthopedic specialist and has extensive experience in examining and evaluating police dogs in Michigan.

Bas has joined the department in March, 1993, at the age of three years. Over the course

of his career, Bas has provided the department with invaluable service. Out of Bas's 3746 for service, he assisted in 632 arrests, 1411 narcotic searches, and helped to recover a total of \$342,633 in cash.

Bas's trainer/handler, Officer Todd Koch, was given permission to purchase Bas from Canton for the price of \$1.00.

MTU students honored

A total of 1063 students achieved placement on the spring quarter Dean's List at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janner, dean of students, reported that 216 students earned straight 'A' averages of 4.0 (indicated with an '*'). The following students

from your area were included on the Dean's List.

William David Belanger of Wayne, Junior in Chemical Engineering; Mark Robert Fixler of Westland, Senior in Chemical Engineering; and Melody Lynn Papke also of Westland, Senior in Mechanical Engineering.

Trailer park approved

Planning Services is considering site plan approval for The Villas Manufactured Home Community, 52 units located east of Haggerty and south of Michigan Avenue.

Planning Services is also considering site plan approval for Sheffield Park Condominiums.

CITY OF ROMULUS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 22, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem William Wadsworth

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: Randolph Gear

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

William Oakley, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-231

2A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 9, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-232

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to approve a No Fee Permit for the Romulus High School for the Homecoming Parade to be held on October 16, 1998 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-233

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to authorize City Attorney Margaret Debler to proceed as directed in the case of Urich vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-234

4B. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution in support of Senate Bill 832 introduced by Senator Loren Bennett. SB 832 provides for the disbursement of a proportionate share of revenue from the airport parking tax to communities hosting an airport in Wayne County for the purpose of mitigating airport related problems.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-235

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Oakley and adopt a resolution approving the Police Officers Labor Council contract for three (3) years beginning July 1, 1997 through June 30, 2000, incorporating the appropriate changes. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-236

5B. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to concur with Mayor Oakley and D.P.W. Director David Paul and adopt the Resolution Concurring With the Allocation of Cost South Huron Valley Utility Authority as set forth in Exhibit A, established pursuant to the Project Plan presented at a Public Hearing on May 14, 1997.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-237

5C. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Oakley and City Attorney Stephen J. Hitchcock and authorize payment of the negotiated settlement amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (10,000.00) to release the City of Romulus from any liability for the contamination of the Nankin Township Landfill and to authorize Mayor Oakley to sign the consent decree related to same.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-238

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Oakley and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and adopt a resolution authorizing the city of Romulus to renew the Ameritech ValueLink Extra-Select Agreement through July 2001 and authorizing Mayor Oakley to sign said agreement.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-239

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Oakley and City Attorney Stephen Hitchcock and approve the fee schedule pursuant to Chapter 17, Article II of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances for the non-refundable liquor license and related permits application. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-240

5F. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to concur with Mayor Oakley and D.P.W. Director David Paul and approve the installation of an eight inch (8") water main on Sargent Street, north of Ecorse Road at an estimated cost of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-241

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to concur with the

recommendation of Debra Hoffman, Finance Director and grant authorization to encumber Fiscal Year 1997/1998 funds from various City Departments into the 1998/1999 budget in the amount of One Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty Four Dollars and Forty Eight Cents (\$1,624,564.48). A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-242

5H. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to concur with Mayor Oakley, Police Chief Kirby and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and accept the proposal from ADT Security Systems in the amount of \$2,995.00 for the purchase and installation of an intercom and release button on the dispatch console to enhance security at the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-243

5I. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to concur with Mayor Oakley, Police Chief Kirby and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and accept the proposal from ADT Security Systems in the amount of \$2,860.00 for the purchase and installation of video camera monitoring and recording equipment to enhance security at the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-244

5J. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Oakley and Police Chief Kirby and authorize the upgrade for the Police Department's optical document scanning system from G-A Computer Systems in the amount of \$25,590.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-245

5K. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with Mayor Oakley, Police Chief Kirby and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-13 to Jack's Bicycle and Fitness in the amount of \$4,635.56 for the purchase of four (4) Police Mountain Bikes and accessories.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-246

5L. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to concur with Mayor Oakley, D.P.W. Director David Paul and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-15 to Calvert Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$8,640.00 for the purchase of a hydraulic impact hammer for the Department of Public Works.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-247

5M. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to concur with Mayor Oakley, D.P.W. Director David Paul and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-17 to RDB Enterprises in the amount of \$3,850.00 for the purchase of a power unit for jaws.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-248

5N. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with Mayor Oakley, Deputy D.P.W. Director Hubert Staten and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-19 to UniFirst Corporation for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000 with the option to renew for one or two years, for the weekly furnishing of City uniforms and floor mats at the prices stated in their bid.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-249

5O. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to concur with Mayor Oakley and Purchasing/Computer Services Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-20 to Quality Computer Systems for the purchase of computers and printers for the City of Romulus at a price of \$1,225.00 per computer plus options.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-250

5P. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to concur with Mayor Oakley, D.P.W. Director David Paul and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-21 to Brigili Trucking company in the amount of \$61,370.00 for the purchase of gravel, limestone, sand and topsoil.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-251

5Q. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to concur with Mayor Oakley, D.P.W. Director David Paul and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award bid 98-22 to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the purchase of bituminous patching material at a cost of \$69.85 per ton.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-252

5R. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with Mayor Oakley, D.P.W. Director David Paul and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-23 to Unistrut Detroit Service Company in the amount of \$5,188.50 for the purchase of signposts and accessories.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-253

5S. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with Mayor Oakley, D.P.W. Director David Paul and Purchasing Director to award Bid 98-24 to Youtsey Electric for electrical maintenance, in the amount of \$35.00 per hour for labor plus a 10% markup on parts, for

the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-254

5T. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to concur with Mayor Oakley, Police Chief Charles Kirby and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and award Bid 98-25 to Productivity Systems, Inc in the amount of \$10,809.00 for the purchase of a computerized bar code tracking system for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-255

5U. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 97/98-33 as follows:

FUND/DEPT ACCOUNT NO	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMEND- MENT	AMENDED BUDGET
PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF-INSURANCE FUND				
677-000.00-914.000	Claims Expense	350,000	27,860	377,860
RETAINED EARNINGS				
Property & Liability Self-Insurance Fund		AVAILABLE 175,851	APPROPRIATE 27,860	REMAINING BALANCE 147,955.

To appropriate fund for additional retention fund contributions.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-256

5V. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 97/98-34 as follows:

FUND/DEPT ACCOUNT NO	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMEND- MENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND				
101-801.00-818.000	Contractual Services	59,500	40,000	99,500
FUND BALANCE				
GENERAL FUND		AVAILABLE 193,073	APPROPRIATE 40,000	REMAINING BALANCE 153,073

To appropriate for additional planning fees.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5W. Item withdrawn by Mayor Oakley.

98-257

5X1. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to concur with Mayor Oakley, Police Chief Charles Kirby, D.P.W. Director David Paul and Purchasing Director Kris Moe and rescind resolution 98-198 awarding Bid 98-07 for vehicle change over to Winder Police Equipment and award the bid to the second lowest bidder, Custom Ordered Police Supplies in the amount of \$9,500.00 because Winder Police Equipment is unable to work on any of the ten (10) police department vehicles until August 10th or later.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-258

5X2. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Oakley and waive building permit fees for all construction at the City of Romulus' Fire Station #2.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-259

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 97/98-29-32 introduced at the meeting of June 9, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-260

6B1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to concur with the recommendation of City Treasurer Pamela Kersey and adopt a resolution deferring without penalty the 1998 Summer and Winter Taxes from February 15, 1999 to March 1, 1999 for qualified property taxpayers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-261

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the payment of Warrant #98-12A in the grand total amount of Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$7,665.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-262

11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to authorize the payment of Warrant #98-12 in the grand total amount of One Million, Six Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$1,698,644.95).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 22, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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More busing for seniors set

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

SMART bus line management leaders told Romulus City Council members Monday night that they were looking forward to servicing the planned Tanger Outlet Mall in Romulus.

Richard Kaufman, SMART director, said the suburban bus lines work closely with area businesses to get both their employees and shoppers to the stores in timely fashion.

A question concerning the extension of the SMART millage will appear on the Aug. 4 primary.

Councilwoman Debbie Ro-

mak questioned the route and time schedule listings availability for Romulus residents.

Gloria Crockett-Bradley, Wayne County ombudsperson, revealed she works closely with city Recreation Director Debbie Dick on senior citizen mini-bus use in Romulus and will provide printed bus line schedules at Romulus City Hall, Senior Center and other sites as requested.

Crockett-Bradley can be reached by calling 1-313-223-2306.

Wayne County bus lines have been added since the millage vote three years ago, Kaufman said, and others are

being studied. He revealed no regular bus traffic occurs up and down Wayne road in the Romulus area, but nearby bus lines do go to Detroit Metro Airport, Southland Mall, Detroit Tiger Stadium and other city of Detroit sites. The cost is usually less than \$2 per trip.

SMART leaders have been working hard to help suburban businesses have convenient travel access for their workers -- during the current labor crunch throughout Michigan.

It is an option that major companies may want to explore if they are having a hard time attracting employees, Kaufman said.

Art classes slated to begin soon

Budding artists of all styles are now being called to the Wayne Senior Activity Center.

Whether your artistic favorite be Vincent Van Gogh, Rembrandt or any of the other great masters, take time to visit the center at 7:30 p.m. July 27 for an informational meeting.

Brian Crowe will be on hand to meet all residents wishing to join a painters' group.

Artist styles and potential art group meeting times will be discussed so that a suitable meeting time may be arranged.

If you are interested in such an opportunity call 721-7460 and let Crowe know that you wish to take part.

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Five generations

Five generations of the Nancy Rosabelle Ruark family are shown at a recent gathering. Standing are Nancy Helen Ruark Goebel of Flatwoods, Ky. (formerly of Romulus), a daughter, and Mrs. Ruark of Westland, the mother. Seated are Philip Bryan Goebel, grandson; Jessica Lynn Goebel, great-granddaughter and Jerica Renee Goebel, great-great-granddaughter, all of Mount Vernon.

3-mile stroll to aid Epilepsy Unit

More than 2,000 walkers from across Michigan are expected to convene for the 1998 Summer Stroll for Epilepsy, the seventh annual national fund raising event and what is hoped to be the largest walk in the nation for epilepsy.

Sponsored by General Motors, the National Bank of Detroit and the Detroit Tigers, the five kilometer walk takes place Aug. 15 at Tiger Stadium. Buddy Bell, Detroit Tigers manager, who has epilepsy will serve as honorary chairman for the walk. Check-in begins at 2 p.m. and the stroll kicks off at 3 p.m. from the stadium and ventures into the Corktown area surrounding the ballpark.

For the first time in the history of the Summer Stroll, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is encouraging walkers from all regions of the state to convene in one location as a rally for epilepsy.

"There are more than 91,000 people in Michigan with epilepsy and we want to see them, their families and friends come out in support of this event," said Arlene Gorelick, the Epilepsy Foundation's executive director.

"Too often epilepsy is overshadowed by bigger walks and more visible charities," she said, "and we want to show the public that epilepsy is also worthy of support and recognition."

The Summer Stroll is a five kilometer walk (just over three miles) based on pledges raised by the walkers. The average walker raises about \$150. All walkers receive prizes based on the amount of money they raise.

For example, walkers raising \$50 receive an official Summer Stroll for Epilepsy T-shirt while those raising \$300 or more select from a Sharper Image Merchandise certificate or official Detroit Tigers wearables.

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Bring Neverland to Inkster, Mr Barden

It's time to come home with your grand schemes, Don Barden.

That's right, Don. Forget about forcing your casino and theme park on the City of Detroit. It is clear Mayor Dennis Archer and his cronies don't want your money or your ideas. They have their own agenda fueled by the mega-operators of the biggest moneymakers in the world-- Las Vegas casinos.

But here in Inkster, where your family remains firmly rooted and all citizens have watched with enormous pride as you built the City of Detroit cable system and then went on to establish a casino in partnership with Donald Trump in Gary, Indiana, your collaboration with Michael Jackson could thrive.

Imagine for a moment. It is year 2005. You are driving west on Michigan Avenue. The topless bars and adult bookstores that once dotted the landscape are long gone. In their place is a foreboding structure. As you get closer you recognize it to be a sculpture of a hand, much like Joe Louis's fist in downtown Detroit, only this hand is bigger and is adorned with a white glove. It signals the entrance to the Neverland Theme Park and Majestic Casino, two monuments to African-American enterprise that make the downtown temporary casinos seem like ghost towns.

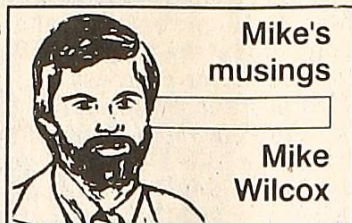
Inside the theme park, exotic animals roam wild in the 400-acre sanctuary. Specially-designed 12-seat jeeps take you within a few feet of giraffes, lions and elephants as they move about the park free of any obvious barriers. An old-fashioned paddlewheel takes you down a remake of an African river where crocodiles and huge snakes brush up against your boat.

The casino offers one and all the red carpet treatment.

The "Thriller" room offers an illusionist act that puts David Copperfield to shame. The Motown room offers the finest in Detroit-based R & B, this side of the Mississippi. The gaming tables stand grandly in the shape of Jackson's favorite animals-- the wildebeest, the chimpanzee and the tiger. And slot machines-- their incessant clanging makes you want to feed those hard earned dollar bills faster than the machine will take them.

Back to Michigan Avenue. Time and Barden's project have created a great transformation. Forget the Gatzaros and Papas plan to make Greektown the area's number one attraction. Here it is right here in Inkster. The infamous Bungalow Motel, once the scene of a grueling shootout, was leveled and in its place a 250-room Hyatt has risen. Andy's Town Lounge has been replaced by Tony Roma's Place for Ribs and downtown Inkster has a new town square with cobblestone streets.

But alas it is only a fairy tale. Reality tells us that Barden has left Inkster for good. He likes the bright lights and positive cash flow of New York, Nairobi and uh, Detroit. Inkster may be his hometown, but the world is now his soapbox. We wish Mr. Barden luck in all his business endeavors, but hope he remembers his hometown, Inkster, as a viable investment for at least some of his ideas.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox



Call me irresponsible

In promoting the extension of Westland's city's Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA), both Mayor Bob Thomas and Councilman Trav Griffin had boasted about how the improvements generated by the city's TIFA district have raised the district's property values by millions.

They're right. Property improvements raise property values in a business district. Same thing with neighborhoods.

Look at how new improved development has driven up property values in Western Wayne County.

Unfortunately, the flip side of the coin is true, too.

When homeowners neglect their property, there goes the neighborhood. Isn't that what happened in Detroit and Inkster?

I would be irresponsible not to report on positive efforts like Belleville's and Wayne's Downtown Development Authorities (DDA) or Westland's TIFA; or not to report on blight bugs.

Yet because *Eyewitness*, our Sunday edition, printed pictures of a blighted house in Norwayne, Michigan Community News was called "irresponsible."



Ivan Helfman

City Councilwoman Sharon Scott went ballistic because one of the pictured homes belongs to her political ally Justine Barns, and she accused us of "sabotaging a generous gift" that Barns was making of the house.

Barns was going to donate the home to First Step, a shelter for abused spouses.

The gift was supposedly sabotaged because after the picture appeared, the house was supposedly no longer safe, though it's unclear how anybody looking at a picture of a house in a newspaper knows who will live there one day. When's the last time you saw a home in the newspaper and speculated whether or not it would be given to a sheltered spouse?

In the case of Barns's duplex, under Westland's ordinances, it can't shelter anybody. The boarded-up house must be brought up to code before anybody can or should live there. It would cost

First Step a lot of money to make that house habitable.

Because of the remodeling expenses, there's no inexpensive way to accept that "generous gift."

But even if they accept it, they should thank the decent folks and families in Norwayne who maintain and improve their properties for the generosity. After all, these people have lost tens thousands of dollars in property value because of the few absentee landlords who let their rentals deteriorate until they become dangerous playhouses for kids or crackhouses for gangs.

Unfortunately bad landlords make their money at the expense of the responsible owners and landlords.

It goes without saying that middle class people who value their property and their subdivisions won't tolerate blighted rentals next to their homes. It would cost them too much money.

So I must differ with Scott. My idea of generosity does not include degrading neighborhood property values.

As for responsibility. When and if blight infests her block and I write an article about the offenders, who will she call irresponsible -- me or the blight makers?



Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN by PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

The Wrong Time To Do The Right Thing

Dear Mr. Ross: I just turned 40. People told me life begins at 40. Why then do I feel my life is about to end? My husband and I have 4 children and I just learned I'm pregnant with number 5. I'm too old to start midnight feedings and diaper changes all over again. And what about the cost involved? Or the possibility of having a deformed baby because of my age?

I'm not sure what you can do. I guess I just needed a shoulder to cry on. Whatever you do, don't print my letter. The humiliation I'd face from friends and coworkers would be too much. Please respect my need to remain confidential.

Mrs. R. L. ... *Tribune Chronicle*, Warren, OH

Dear Mrs. L.: I do respect your need, that's why I've changed your initials. I can help you with things like formula and diaper costs. Your nearest Rite Aid store in Warren will cover these costs for the next 2 years by sending me the bill. That's the easy part.

Now the hard part--lovingly receiving a baby which you never intended to have. I hope you and your family find it within your hearts to supply open arms for what could be the best thing to ever happen to you.

Dear Mr. Ross: In 1988 medical doctors diagnosed my two sons (now 10 and 12) with a rare blood disorder which affects one's ability to adequately fight off bacterial and fungal infections. The boys have had many long hospital stays including life-threatening liver abscesses in 1996.

Thankfully, we were taught about truly good nutrition including fresh squeezed carrot/vegetable juices. I now faithfully make carrot juice daily for my family of five. The cost of vegetables for my family is \$7 a day, everyday. With past medical expenses slowly being paid off, I request your help to continue

making our esteemed carrot juice.

Mrs. D. S. ... *The Argus*, Rock Island, IL

Dear Mrs. S.: The price of sound nutrition has become a luxury reserved only for those with disposable income. It's a shame because preventative health care is a must in these times of ever rising medical costs. You see it as a necessity, so plan your income with it as a priority. To give you a reprieve I'm sending the cash to cover a month's supply of fresh vegetable juice. May your children's health continue to thrive.



Dear Mr. Ross: This letter is to thank you for not helping me. Three years ago I wrote for help to buy a computer to help me get through college, in order to support my family. Your non-response to my request made me reach down and bring out a part of me that I did not know was there. My life did not end there in defeat. It made me pick myself up and try harder. I graduated last year from the University of Alabama to a wonderful job in computers. I'm still at that job and my family has more than we've ever had before. Thanks for not making things easy for me. It has made me a better person.

Mr. R. McC. ... *Thrifty Nickel*, Birmingham, AL

Dear Mr. McC.: Among my favorite thank you letters are the "thanks for nothing" letters. So many of the people who write me have the ability to get where they want to go on their own. It just takes determination and perseverance. You, Sir, are a shining example. Thanks a million for sharing your success.

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Environmentalists plan to lobby door-to-door for Superfund cleanups

To the editor:

This week, residents of Wayne will have the opportunity to make polluters pay to clean up the seventy-two toxic Superfund Sites across Michigan, thanks to a local campaign led by the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan (PIRGIM). PIRGIM representatives will be knocking on approximately seven hundred doors, in order to educate local Wayne residents and build support for their campaign to stop toxic pollution.

According to PIRGIM field manager, Mary Burton, "here, in Michigan, we have an overabundance of hazardous toxic waste sites. In addition to poisoning our land and contaminating our water, these dumps contribute to increased rates of cancer, birth defects, nerve damage and other severe health problems, statewide. Unchecked polluters continue to dump tons of harmful chemicals, with utter disregard for the law. Violators of Superfund must be held accountable for the waste they are releasing, and that means footing the bill for cleanups."

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Lawmakers originally designed the federal Superfund law to determine the whereabouts and assure proper cleanup of the most harmful waste sites across the country. The central principal of Superfund is that those responsible for creating the toxic waste are also required to clean it up. Unfortunately, many polluters, along with their insurance

companies, lobby Congress to dismantle the Superfund law, by rolling back the polluter-pays principle and weakening the cleanup standards for toxic dumps.

Moreover, the tax on chemicals and oil industries, that helps pay for the Superfund cleanups, expired in December, 1995. Everyday that the tax is not restored, \$4 million for cleanup is lost. Unless Superfund is weakened, polluters

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and their allies in Congress are refusing to renew the tax.

Burton says, "Instead of doing their best to clean up these hazardous messes, polluters have spent \$96 million over the past few years on both campaign contributions and lobbying in an effort to evade responsibility. And, it seems, their investment is paying off. Senator Spencer Abraham accepted \$200,000 from private interest groups and, coincidentally, supported a bill in Congress that would roll back the Superfund. Additionally, Wayne's Representative Lynn Rivers has not taken a definite position on any of the Superfund bills pending in Congress."

While PIRGIM campaigners are in town, residents have the opportunity to learn more about the seventy-two Superfund sites here in Michigan, as well as send a message to Representative Rivers that polluters must pay to clean up toxic waste across the country.

PIRGIM is the state's leading environmental and consumer watchdog group with offices in Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Kalamazoo and in Washington D.C.

Ben MacConnel

Please put a medical alert column in paper

To the editor:

I am writing to you on a matter of extreme importance. You are in a position to offer people a much-needed public service through Michigan Community Newspapers. Allow me to explain how I come to this conclusion.

Today my neighbor called to me in my back yard and informed me that yesterday her husband had a heart attack. Yesterday was close to 90 degrees, and this recently retired man, in his 60's, was mowing his grass. Suddenly he felt a pain in his chest by his heart. He thought the pain would cease if he sat for a while and rested. It was then his wife came out of the house and saw that he was as white as a sheet and sweating profusely. Although she begged him to go to Emergency at the hospital, he adamantly refused, telling her that if he just waited, the pain

would go away. The pain did not go away, Mr. Wilcox, and approximately an hour later, the man allowed his wife to drive him to the hospital where they ministered to his needs.

The man was given a particular medication which is effective in breaking up blood clots. This medication is fairly new and is also used on patients who suffer from strokes as well as heart attacks. Now here is the crux of the situation, Mr. Wilcox. The man's wife was informed that if she had not been able to get her husband to the hospital (or doctor) within "4" hours, this medication would have been absolutely ineffectual. In other words, after 4 hours, this medication cannot help someone. Time is of the essence! This astounded me, and made me realize just how many decisions people make ignorantly.

How often do people talk themselves into believing they will get better, as their bodies deteriorate at breakneck pace? And so many times, recovery is absolutely dependent on making a quick decision, even an informed one, without delay. I'm not speaking of having a physician's license. I'm not talking about CPR courses. I am speaking about certain things that can happen in our lives and making wise decisions about them.

In the above incident, certain things become clear. Strenuous activity during hot weather is just as potentially dangerous for some people as a business man shoveling snow in the wintertime. People should not always think that time is going to make them better. If the pain is in your chest, by your heart, don't take any chances. Get help immediately. Some medications are only effective if administered immediately or within hours after initial symptoms show up. These could be common sense, don't they, but they are not. Many people do not even consider that "the other guy" is really me. Who knows what can happen?

Mr. Wilcox, I am respectfully suggesting that the Michigan Comm. News add a new column to its newspapers. The column could be called "MedAlert" or "Red Alert! MedAlert!" Important medical facts could be published in this column, offering to the public much-needed info on little-known facts. Who would know that some medications have to be administered

within 4 hours of an incident in order to prevent blood clots or break them up? No one except the people involved. And yet many people would like to know these things. How many times have we misdiagnosed something because similar symptoms resembled one another? Years ago, two of my sons had severe stomach cramps and were extremely ill. The flu was going around at the time. The symptoms appeared identical. However, one of my sons had acute appendicitis. It could have killed him, but thanks be to God, I took him to the doctor and they found something other than the flu.

All too often people delay in getting the help they need, hoping for the best, thinking the problem will go away, ignoring the problem, etc. "MedAlert" could emphasize the importance of acting right away. There are many facts of which people should be aware. Did you know that when someone continually takes antihistamines, they are inviting a stroke? Do people know that it's not good to take laxatives or water pills in excess? Do they know what this does to their system? How many realize the danger "poor circulation" can cause, even doing something as simple as crossing one's legs cuts off circulation and can bring about disastrous results.

Can you catch the vision of what I'm trying to present to you, Mr. Wilcox? I hope so. Your newspaper could offer a truly beneficial public service to people through "MedAlert". Please ask yourself this question. Why should people have to have something happen to them, such as a heart attack, in order to gain information that should be readily accessible to the public? Yes indeed, the public does have a right to know, to know something that could truly benefit the health decisions they may be forced to make some day. Other items could be included also. Info about nursing homes, hospices, home nursing care, etc. There are any number of thoughts that come to mind, but for now I am most concerned about people knowing medical facts that could mean the difference between life and death for them or their loved ones.

I see opportunity presenting itself, Mr. Wilcox, and I hope you will take advantage of this. The column need not be extremely long. Brevity, coupled with knowledge, is an effectual

teacher. The way the old DRAGNET show used to present it was this, "Just the facts ma'am." "MedAlert" could simply list the facts: i.e. the importance of receiving immediate medical attention in situations such as chest pains, medicine utilized, and the fact that it must be administered within 4 hours of the heart attack incident. This could save someone's life, Mr. Wilcox. This could truly make the difference between life and death. What a wonderful service Mich. Comm. News could provide by adding a new service to its paper, by enlarging its scope, by showing its interest in the health and well being of its readers and communities. Don't you agree? I hope I am explaining myself adequately.

Please consider my request to offer a very effective and much-needed service to our communities, and also to enhance your newspaper. I am making this suggestion and request to Michigan Community Newspapers first. I look forward to hearing your thoughts concerning this, Mr. Wilcox. If you should decide not to utilize this idea, I will share MedAlert with other newspapers. I only thought it fair to give you the idea first, as I subscribe to the Romulus Roman. Thank you for your valuable time, and I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to call me.

Sonda Stepchuk
Romulus

Schools shouldn't forget European influence

To the editor:

Black columnists are faulting Ward Connerly for suggesting that ethnic studies and women's studies ought not to be separate curriculums students may elect. Connerly is right, of course, even though a course in women's history could be included for study by both men and women, and language studies are and always have been proper studies available to all who matriculate.

Ward Connerly does not believe that there should be a curriculum especially for women where they study women's algebra, women's chemistry, women's accounting. Black writers suggest that we might just as well eliminate European studies. They want badly, it seems, to excoriate Connerly's denial of both women's studies and the movement to form a gay and lesbian studies department at the University of California at Davis.

Black columnists seem to deny the importance of studying the European influence, especially the contributions of the English, when they suggest axing European studies, treating the European contribution to our culture as no more important than any other influence.

Cultures are not equal and the influence of African culture, Asian culture, and Indian culture on our own is not nearly as important as the European. They know this, probably understand it, and ought to appreciate it, accept it, respect it, cherish it. There is more than just a suggestion of the European hand in our inspired forefathers' documents. We have incorporated the European traditions and philosophy in the Constitution, the Federalist papers, the rule of law. Our democratic principles and the market papers, the rule of law. Our democratic principles and the market system flow from the same source.

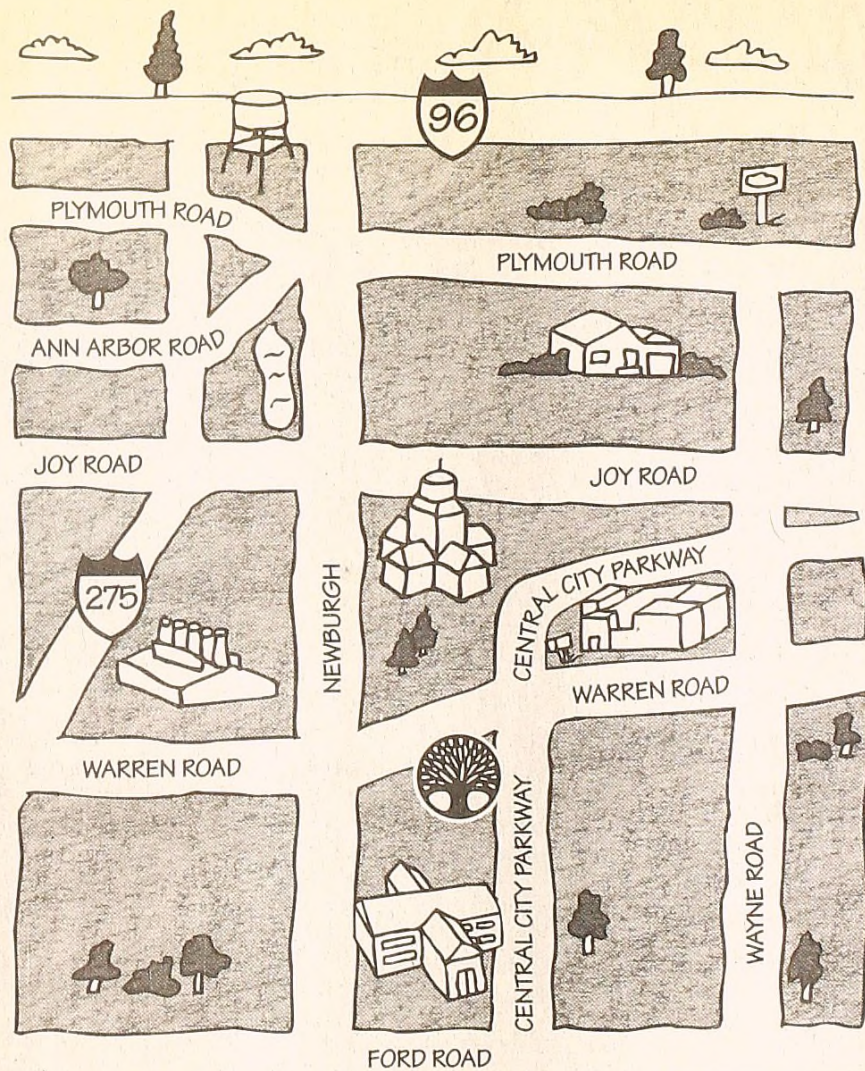
Each of us claims an individual culture and some attention should be paid to each of our ethnicities. But the important culture is our American culture. From wherever and whatever it evolved, it belongs to all of us, each of us, or ought to.

There are those who might read racism in the writing so black journalists when they ignore, even deny, the influence of our European ancestors. Quite often, they expose much of what they believe about our economic heritage, preferences for a planned economy and expanded government services, in column after column. The Achilles' heel of socialism will eventually turn ever more blacks to our true heritage.

Sincerely,
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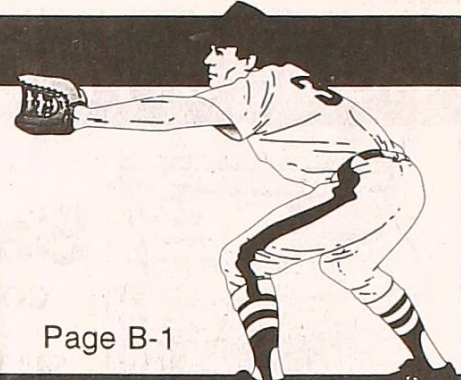


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City golf championship dates set

Woodlands to provide challenge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If you're been waiting to play in the midsummer classic called the City Championship Golf Tournament, well here's your opportunity.

The tournament will be conducted the weekend of Aug. 1-2 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course, and entries are presently being accepted by the host city, Wayne.

"This tournament has always been a very popular one in the area," said Jeff Rutter, tournament director. "We always have a great turnout for it."

The tournament is opened to amateur golfers - men and women - from the cities of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Romulus, Garden City and Van

Buren tournaments who will be competing for the city (township) titles.

Golfers living outside the participating cities may also play in the tournament, but they will be assigned to the Open Division.

Rutter stressed that each city must be represented by at least six golfers if a division is to be formed to compete for a title. If the requirement is not met, those golfers will compete in the Open Division.

The tournament is based on the actual scores of both days. Golfers will be placed in

flights based on their first day's scores for the second round.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of the flights. There also will be an additional trophy for the tournament medalist (low scorer).

In case of a tie among the top three finishers, those involved in the tie will play a "sudden death" playoff in order to determine the winner of the trophy.

Competitors also will be competing for berths on their city teams.

The first five finishers in each of the championship flights will qualify to compete in the Michigan Parks and Recreation's state tournament which will be conducted later this summer.

Competitors are urged to contact their recreation department in order to learn whether their city is going to send a team to the state finals.

The state usually conducts its championship in September at Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek.

The cost of the two-day tournament is \$70 per player. (Golf carts are optional, and they

are not included in the entry fee.)

To register, golfers are requested to send their name, daytime phone, address, the city they choose to represent, and the registration fee (please make checks payable to **City of Wayne, Wayne Parks & Recreation Department**, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184).

For further information, please contact *Michigan Community Newspapers' Staff Writer Tom Mooradian* at 729-4000 or Jeff Rutter, at Wayne Parks & Recreation Department at 721-7400.

18 teams begin to swing Friday for Anderson title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Eighteen teams, six of which are nationally ranked, will be swinging for the 22nd Patrolman Leonard J. Anderson tournament title Friday night.

Westland will have five entries, including one of the top contenders - Jimmies/Varsity/Que/Easton. Jimmies' is managed by Larry Quartuccio, the architect of the tournament.

Other Westland teams seeking the title include: The Journeymen, managed by Steve Swope; Metro Glass, managed by Eric Babler; Scores Bar, and managed by Darryl Zuch.

Rounding out the field are: All Beer Tent, out of Northville and managed by Tim Doyle; Expert Carpet, from East Point (Johnny Sims); Gekle Roofing/Bandits, Lansing (Bob Gekle); Gongas Graphics, of Ypsilanti (David Davidson); Grotto Club, Jackson (Dave Hatler); Mountain Top/Worth of Northville (John Rector); Nagle/Clark?L.P.S. of Pickney (Jim Clark); Oakland Plumbing of Sterling Heights (Diane Scott) and Oakland Plumbing of Sterling Heights (Tom Kaminski).

Other contenders are Perfection Plus out of Dearborn Heights (Wade Evans), Plumbers & Pipefitters of Lansing (John Dobernick), and Prestige/Northwest Pipe of Sterling Heights (Manfred Budnarski).

R & K Tool of Novi (Mike Haugh) and Trovanos, from New Boston (Dave Hickey) are have designs on the title.

This year's field is also filled with quality teams," said Quartuccio, who was instrumental in organizing the tournament 22 years ago. "There are teams that are nationally ranked in this year's tournament. And, obviously, those teams have a cadre of blue chip players, who I am sure fans will like to see in action."

The action begins at 6 p.m.



Johnnie Simpson will be one of the key players in Jimmies' drive for the 22nd annual Patrolman Len Anderson Memorial tournament title. The tournament will get underway Friday night on diamonds adjacent to the Wayne Community Center. The Westland-based club is currently ranked third nationally.

Friday with a pair of games: Nagle/Clark takes on Travnos, while Grotto Club clashes with Gongas's Graphics. The openers and all subsequent games will be staged on the diamonds at Anderson Field, located adjacent to the Wayne Community Center.

In the other bracket, A.B.T. plays R & K Tool and Gekle engages Mountain Top. The two games will begin at 7:15. Westland's Jimmies will get its first test at 8:30 p.m. when they meet Oakland Plumbing/Liberty.

There are two other first-night games scheduled: The Pipefitters take on a second Oakland Plumbing Team at 9:45 p.m. and Prestige/Calverts plays the Journeymen in the nightcap which will begin at 10:45 p.m.

On Saturday, at 9 a.m. also slated for action are the Scores Bar vs. Perfection Plus. On the other diamond will be Expert

Carpet and the winner of the Nagle and Travnos fame.

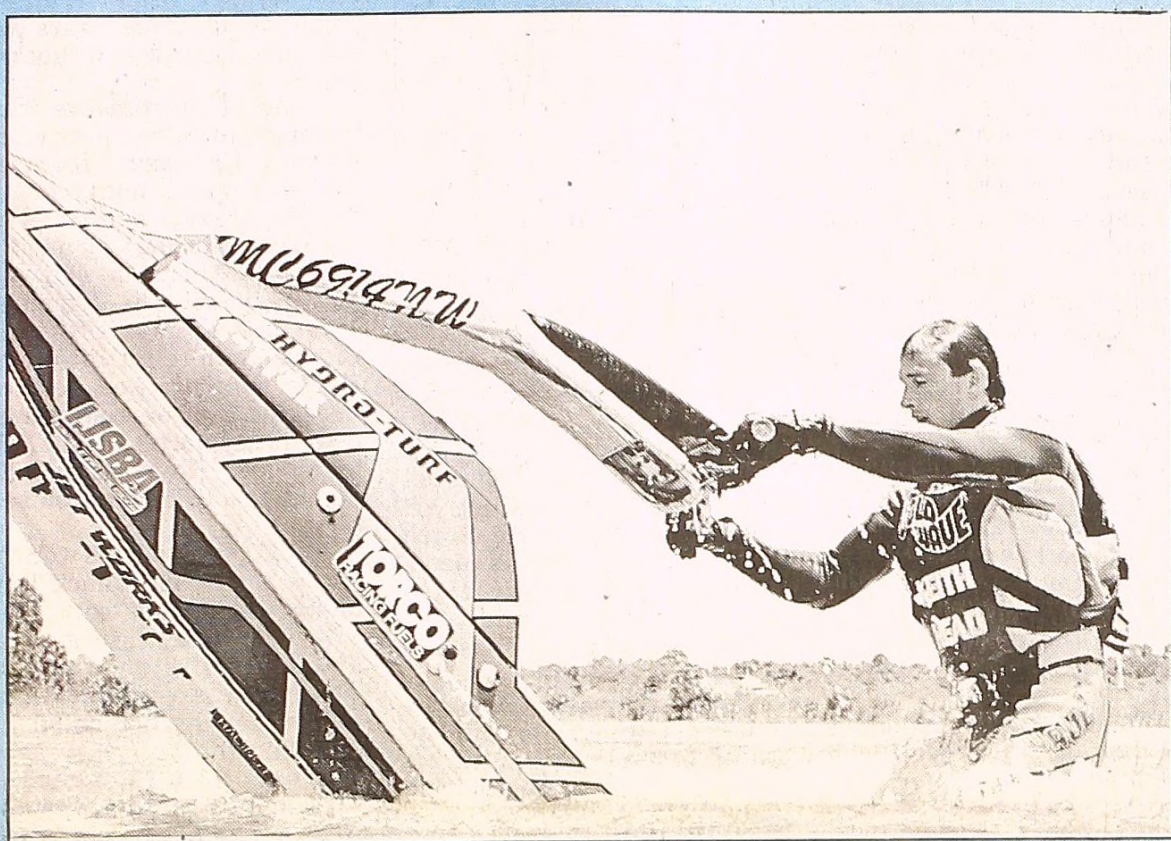
At 10:15 a.m., Metro Glass will take the field against the winner of the Grotto Club and Gongas game.

The semifinals and finals will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

Fans are invited to a tournament party which will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be food and beverages for sale and live entertainment provided by the Gold Tones and D. J. Service.

Tournament programs are available, free of charge, in stores of participating merchants. There also programs also at the Wayne Community Center.

This year's tournament is against cosponsored by the Westland Jimmies/Varsity/Que/Easton Softball Club and the city of Wayne's Parks and Recreation Department.



Former Wayne Memorial and John Glenn swimming star Keith Head (above) has surfaced as one of the premier Profreestyle Jet skiers in the nation. Presently ranked sixth, Head has his eyes on the No. 1 spot, and he hopes to reach that coveted title soon.



Westlander makes national waves on freestyle jet skis

Westland has its small cadre of athletes who have earned state and national recognition in basketball, football, and baseball.

Now, there is a young and hardworking athlete who is making waves nationally in a sport called jetskiing, a sport that has been dominated by Californians and Floridians over the past few years.

The athlete is Westland native Keith Head, former Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn swimming star.

Head, 30, is currently ranked sixth nationally in the Pro Freestyle polls of the International Jetsports Boating Association's National Tour after six of eight rounds of competition.

A Northwest Airlines employee, Head turned pro this year after placing second in the nation and sixth in the world amateur Freestyle, results from last year's national tour.

"I made the decision to move to Pro because it's always been a dream to compete against my idols," Head said. "I figured that I

better start paying my dues as a rookie, and start making a name for myself."

And he has done that.

Head's current standing puts him behind some of Jetsports' biggest names such as Chris Fischetti and Rick Roy. The Westland native is definitely a strong contender for the 1998 Pro Freestyle Rookie of the Year award pro honors.

Whether he will be presented the award will be clear after the final round of competition which will be staged July 26 in Chicago.

But, Head is not looking past what he has to do now. He is staying focused.

"I'm training hard and trying to come up with tricks for Round 7 in New Jersey," Head commented. "You have to pull out all stops if you want to do well in jetskiing. I've made it through six rounds and I've done well, but I don't wanna lose focus and blow it at this point."

Head has been on the USBA national tour which has taken him to such states as Florida, Texas, California, New Jersey, Illinois and even to Canada. Competi-

tion includes both closed course racing and freestyle exhibition and competition.

Closed course racing is very similar to motocross racing where riders negotiate obstacles and turns around a closed track.

Freestyle - the sport in which Head opts to compete - is more like ice skating or gymnastics competition on an extreme level.

"Instead of dancing on skates or a gym floor," says Head, "you are out on rough water trying to dance with a 350-pound machine as your partner."

And a mistake could be costly, and even fatal.

"You have to make it look easy and flawless. And you always have to come with new tricks or you get left behind."

Head's performances have helped land him some great sponsors.

But he and his wife, Ann, still are responsible for finding funds in their budget to finance Keith's "dream."

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Hoop camp Legends show kids fundamentals

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If you're between the ages of eight and 15, and would like to learn how to play basketball from some of the greatest players who have ever played the game, the Inkster Recreation Complex is the place to be on Aug. 1.

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., former All-American point-guard Fred Smiley, Harlem Globetrotter Barry Hardy, All-American prep star Albert White, and others, will be on the hardwood to show the kids the moves that helped them earn their national and international recognition.

The basketball camp, designed by Smiley, is for boys and girls in the areas who will

be treated to a free lunch as well as T-Shirts.

"We have had tremendous response from the community," Smiley said. "It's been fantastic, and unbelievable. We are eager to see how everything is going to work out."

Smiley, Hardy and White will be joined by other former stars and coaches like Eartha Faust, Richard Walker, Victor Diehl, Duane Fox, Chester Hicks, Alvin "Bo" Dukes, Woodeel Payne, D. Green, and Hank Hughes.

Smiley pointed out that before the participants can enter the gymnasium area they must be registered. Those who plan to participate may pick up registration forms from the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, located on Mid-

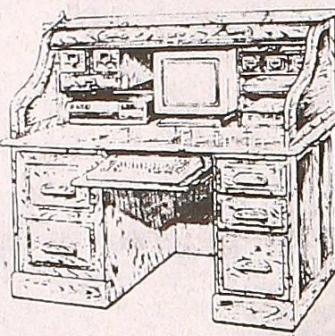
dlebelt Road, about a quarter-mile north of Michigan Avenue; Danny's Market, on Cherry Hill Road; the Demby Recreation Complex, and Cherrybelt Party Store.

The registration form must be signed by a parent or guardian, Smiley cautioned.

Smiley, who has been the catalyst for organizing the camp, also noted that participants will be awarded trophies and other items for their game skills.

"We are looking for between 250 to 300 kids for this camp," Smiley said. "The community has been superb in their support in our efforts. They have made donations and sponsorships, and we are very grateful."

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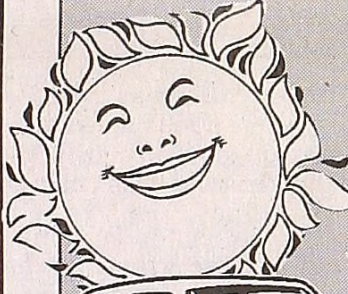
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WYAA
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By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With the Major Leagues' All-Star Game now history, it's time to get serious about football, especially if you're planning to compete on any one of three levels of competition offered by the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

The WYAA fields teams in the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity levels.

WYAA officials announced last week that they are seeking prospective players to fill team rosters of all three categories. WYAA teams will play for the Comets and the Meteors organizations this fall.

Registration will be accepted from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, and from 10 to noon on Saturday at the Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road.

There is a \$70 per player registration fee. Players will also have to take part in a fundraising drive to help defray costs.

Both the Comets and the Meteors will play in the Western Suburban Junior Football Conference. There is an eight-game schedule, which begins on Sept. 12.

The WYAA is also looking for a few good cheerleaders, who would like to join these teams on the sidelines. If interested, contact Keith DeMolay, WYAA publicist, at 722-1251. The Lange Compound also may be reached by telephone for further information (421-0640).

Skis

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"I have a number of sponsors in California, such as M & M Marine, that have been great to me," said Head. "And others, like Cold Wave Wetsuits and Torco Racing Fuels out of Michigan also have supported me."

But, for now, it's the family coffers where Head must dig into to finance his dream.

Head said his love for the water came from his high school days when he swam for Wayne and Glenn. (He attended both high schools.)

"Someday, I hope to be at the top of this sport," he added.

Head has set his course, and you can bet that he won't stop until his dream becomes a reality.

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Tourney champs

Under the managerial leadership of Todd Kangas and his coaching staff, the Marlins captured the Coach-Pitch tournament championship in the Westland Youth Athletic Association. To secure the title, the Marlins defeated the regular-season champs. Team members include Jessica Veltri (front row, from left), Brandon Harris, Kevin Burns, Dennis Knight, Justin Hubbard and Brian Barron; second row are Charles Cane, Scott Ciborowski, Chris Kangas, Dwayne Davenport, Tim Harrison and Joshua Worth; third row are Manager Todd Kangas, coach Rich Ciborowski, coach Pete Davenport and coach Doug Worth.

From the Dugout... By Al Waltz
Special Writer



This week's column is devoted to all the pitchers in this area, and there are a lot of them.

A long time ago, a very long time ago, Hal Newhouser, of Detroit Tiger fame, wrote a book called *Pitching to Win*. My dad happened to buy this book for me when I was 14, just about the time I was entering Wayne High School. Out of this book I learned the following:

- Holding the ball across the seams makes the ball go up;
- Holding the ball "with" the seams makes it go down;
- Do not throw a slider it makes your elbow hurt;
- To throw a "changeup" hold the ball back in the palm of your hand and drag your back foot as you deliver the pitch to the plate, and hold ball with seams to make it sink;
- To throw a knuckle ball, do not let any of your fingers touch the seams;
- A pitcher needs at least three pitches to make it to the big leagues, the most common being the fastball, curve, and changeup...

Thanks to Hal Newhouser, and my dear Dad, I had an advantage over everyone else in high school.

Would you believe that I finished 40-1 in high school losing only to Art Mach of Romulus, 1-0?

Art pitched a no-hitter that day in my senior year, and in the 10th inning he got a single that beat me.

In American Legion, he was scouted by the Yankees as he could hit them in the woods in left center field at Wayne High's field.

My coach at the time, Don Domke, told me to walk Art Mach that day, but I talked him out of it, and he blooped a single to right center. In our half of the 10th inning, Art Mach then struck out the side to end the game. A couple of years later, the legendary Charley Domke was my second dad,

Lau of Romulus, who was signed by the Tigers right out of high school was calling Art Mach from Durham, North Carolina, where he was coaching for the Tigers minor league team, urging Art to come to Durham because they needed outfielders real bad.

For some reason, Mach decided not to go. I'm sure he would have made it to the big leagues as an outfielder or a pitcher.

So boys, listen to your coaches - they've been around a lot longer than you and know a lot more about baseball than you.

My high school coach Don Domke, who happened to become the first athletic director in the history of Westland John Glenn when Glenn opened up it's facility back in the mid-1960s, played three years at the University of Michigan as an outfielder.

And in that crucial game against Romulus and Mach, Domke knew that I was getting tired, and I should have listened. But do you know what he said to me after that fatal error? *You'll have to learn the hard way.* It cost me and the team the game.

Years later I had to call Coach Domke because I lacked funds, and he immediately responded and sent me \$100 to get home from Illinois because I was having car problems.

Domke was my second dad,

and when I read on these pages about three years ago that he passed away, it shocked me.

Some of the players from the area who eventually made it to the big leagues included Lau, who was a native of Romulus; Jerry Davis, who played for Garden City and the Tigers; Pat Sheridan, who went on to fame with the Detroit Tigers and Kansas City, and Chuck Templeton of Wayne High, who pitched for the Brooklyn Dodgers and played with the immortal Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella during the 1955 and 1956 seasons.

In 1955, the Dodgers won the World Series and Chuck Templeton was on that team.

A very interesting thing about Templeton was that while he was a senior at high school he was not noted for throwing the ball very hard. The only team interested in Chuck Templeton was the Dodgers who saw that he was 6-3 and weighed 210. They knew that he could throw hard, if someone would teach him how.

So, they signed him and taught him how to get his "leg up" like Sandy Koufax and Nolan Ryan used to do. They also taught him how to "bend your back" for more power. They taught him a pickoff move - he was a lefthander - to first base and they stressed on him the importance of the "four-seam curve that goes straight down."

However, back in the 1950s, they gave you two years to make it big or else they sent you back to the Triple A.

I don't think that there is anyone else in these parts that can say, as Templeton can, *I have a World Series ring.*

Incidentally, Chuck Templeton now resides in Vero Beach, Florida.

See you next week.

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Youngsters attending the Westland Festival celebration respond openly to Westland Free Methodist Church Pastor Mark Cryderman's call to be "Yoked to Christ" in the top photo. Members of the church's Praise Band (instrumental and vocal) attracted over 250 participants to the spiritual adventure that will return next year. MCN

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO.: 6-2-92 AS AMENDED
PROPOSED REZONING MAP NO.: 06-16-98.

Second reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6-2-92 BEING THE AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1.: The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

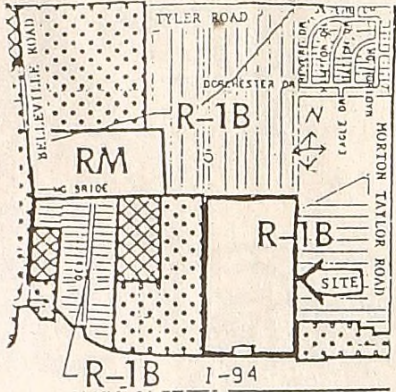
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To rezone the following from R-1B to C-2

Legal Description of Property:

PARCELS OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, PARCEL NUMBERS V-125-83-060-99-0001-001, AND V-125-83-060-99-0002-001.

Property more commonly known as:



Section 2.: All ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed hereby to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3.: This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4.: Adoption: This ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting, called and held on the 7th day of July, 1998.

YEAS: Clark, Hart, Herman, Rochowiak, Foster, King and Budd.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 6-2-92, Map No. 06-16-98 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Cindy C. King, Township Clerk

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Helen Foster, Supervisor

Adopted: July 7, 1998

Publish: June 25, 1998

July 16, 1998

Effective: July 16, 1998

Police save woman, child from alleged abuser

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Protective Services were called to investigate the suspected abuse of a toddler living with his 40-year-old grandmother and her 50-year-old boyfriend in a mobile home near Old Michigan Avenue.

Canton police called the social agency after an officer, who had allegedly saved the woman from a vicious assault with a three-foot board, saw bruises on the toddler.

The officer had been called to the home by a neighbor, a 27-year-old woman, at 8:30 a.m.

on July 5. The neighbor had been awakened up by the grandmother's screams.

"Get off me," she yelled.

According to the neighbor, the couple had been arguing loudly throughout the night.

The neighbor rushed over to see what the trouble was. The door was locked. She forced it open and allegedly saw the boyfriend sitting on top of her and pushing a piece of wood across her neck.

The neighbor called Canton police, who stopped the alleged violence.

Afterwards, the victim told police that the fight started af-

ter she packed up some of the toddler's clothes and tried to go away with the child.

The boyfriend allegedly threatened her in their bedroom, ordering her not to take the child.

They wrestled until she fell through a sliding glass door, shattering it, she said. She ended up on the porch, where he picked up the piece of wood and allegedly hit her over the back of her head and on her back, she said.

As she spoke, the responding Canton officer noted the lump on her head and the redness on her shoulder blade.

In the boyfriend's version, the grandmother started the fight. He had been asleep when she barged into the trailer and allegedly whacked him with the board and bit his arm, he said. So in self defense he wrestled the board away and hit her head with it.

Indeed he had small cuts on both arms and a teeth mark on his arm.

The officer arrested him for felonious assault. Before taking him into custody, the officer talked to the bruised toddler, who said that he hates to go home to the boyfriend.

That was enough. The officer also called protective services.

Bennett pushes airport reform

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Seeking to help communities (such as Romulus) containing or impacted by various Wayne County airport operations, State Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) is seeking citizen and political support to change some of the current state airport tax funding options.

Bennett appeared at the Romulus City Council meeting on June 22 to explain that his cur-

rent bill (Senate Bill 832) would set up a committee composed of municipal representatives impacted by various airports in Wayne County to disperse the funds collected by an airport parking tax -- recently stated to be worth up to \$12 million.

Currently Bennett said 100 percent of the tax collected at parking sites on Metro Airport grounds goes to Wayne County and 80 percent of those taxes collected off the airport also go to Wayne County.

The remaining 20 percent of the off airport tax is given to the city of Romulus, he said. Since those parking sites are basically in Romulus, city residents and political leaders feel that percentage of financial return to Romulus is inadequate.

Bennett said earlier that the original tax plan was "intended to help Wayne County pay off bonds associated with the Wayne County bailout in the 1980s. However, the county has been putting the money into its general fund."

Bennett's bill would reroute those funds instead into a special fund for airport and tax loss issues for cities and townships impacted by Wayne County airports.

Bennett told Romulus Mayor William Oakley and the council that he has enough support in the State Senate to get the bill through, but lacks that critical backing in the Michigan House.

Thus until Bennett feels that he has at least an even shot at passage in the Michigan House, he will leave his bill in a state Senate committee.

Bennett's bill would amend an airport parking tax act passed in 1987. If approved it would set up a County Im-

provement Board (with local controls) consisting of one member from each city or township in which an airport is located. Those representatives would be appointed by the municipalities' governing bodies. Another representative would come from a township in a direct flight pattern from Metro Airport. Two representatives (who live within five miles of an airport) also would be named by regional planning organizations.

The appointed board would address issues such as: noise mitigation, environmental concerns such as exhaust fumes from airplanes and the reimbursement to taxing authorities for the reduction in property tax base due to the acquisition of properties outside of the boundaries of the airport facility.

Bennett is hopeful that if the board is created that municipalities such as Romulus and Huron Township would receive much more favorable support for efforts seeking to curtail various airport caused problems.

Bennett told Romulus officials that David Katz, current Metro Airport director, said he would fight the Bennett proposal.

For more information call Bennett at 517-373-7350.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 7, 1998

Supervisor Foster called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m. Present: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Public Safety Director Perkins, Deputy Director Smolen, Director of Development Kelley, Community Services Director Long, Deputy Community Services Director Keith, Water & Sewer Foreman Sainsbury, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Payne and an audience of eighteen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: King moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the following clarification, the square footage of the Bethany Bible Church addition be corrected to read 8,100 square feet under the "Public Hearing" and "New Business" Item #1 on the agenda. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Clark moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to consider the special approval request by Bethany Bible Church to construct an 8,100 sq. ft. addition to the existing facility at 810 E. Huron River Drive to be used as a child care facility. Carried.

Bethany Bible Church has run a day care facility at the Huron River Drive location since the early 1970's, prior to the requirement of the Township Zoning Ordinance that such a use requires special approval by the Board of Trustees. The proposed addition to the existing facility has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with some particular improvements to the site which include additional parking, expansion of existing driveway width, children will be transported from church property and not allowed to walk across private property, and no chimes, bells, or other audio presentations to be heard on the exterior of the building.

There being no additional comments a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Clark moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: King moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 15, 1998, as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 15, 1998, as presented. Carried.

Clark moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 1998, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Herman moved, Clark seconded to approve the second reading of the request to amend the Township Zoning Map, [a part of Ordinance 6-2-92], by changing the zoning of parcels of land known as V-125-83-060-99-0001-001 and V-125-83-060-99-0002-001 from R-1B (single family residential) to C-2 (extensive highway business) per the findings and minutes of the Planning Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting held May 13, 1998, and noting the exception to the Planning Consultant's let-

ter dated April 2, 1998, that while the zoning amendment in appropriate, the originally intended use of the property would negatively impact the neighboring residential area. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Clark, Hart, Herman, Rochowiak, Foster, King and Budd. No: None. Carried.

(*A synopsis of the rezoning follows the minutes. The rezoning is also available for review in the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the [special approval] request by Bethany Bible Church to [construct an 8,100 sq. foot addition to the] day care facility at 810 E. Huron River Drive parcel number [V-125-83-088-99-0013-000], per the findings and minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission held June 10, 1998; the letter of recommendation from the Township Planning Consultant dated June 10, 1998; the memos from Director Kelley dated June 30, 1998 and July 7, 1998, and with the memo dated July 7, 1998 being signed by the representatives of Bethany Church and subject to all fees, permits and bonds as required. Carried.

Clark moved, Herman seconded to approve the split of the southerly 45' of parcel V-125-83-018-01-0027-000, lot 30 Denton Homes Subdivision and combine same with parcel V-125-83-018-01-0031-000, lot 31 Denton Homes Subdivision contingent upon the following: a. the cost of any and/or all utility improvements must be borne by the property owner(s); b. approval in no way changes requirements of zoning of the parcels; c. approval shall be valid for six (6) months; d. payment of any fees and/or costs and e. submission of a certified survey by a registered land surveyor. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to reappoint Gerald Graf to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire Jun 1, 2001. Carried.

Hart moved, Clark seconded to adopt Resolution 98-31 Ratification of the South Huron Valley Utility Authority. Resolution addressing the concerns of the City of Flat Rock, a member of the authority. Carried.

King moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the employment agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and James Sainsbury as presented, said contract to commence July 7, 1998, and continue in full force and effect until July 6, 2001, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Hart moved, Clark seconded to approve the bid specifications for playground equipment to be purchased with Community Development Block Grant funding and to authorize the Community Services Department to solicit formal bids. Carried.

King moved, Budd seconded to approve the cross connection control center contract with Midwest Backflow as presented in the documentation dated June 29, 1998, from Director Payton and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 7-7-98-VIII, XVII to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, as amending Article VIII the RM Multiple Dwelling Residential District and Article XVII the Schedule of Regulations as presented. Carried.

(*A synopsis of the ordinance follows the minutes. The complete

ordinance is also available for review in the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the July 7, 1998 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Work Study Session scheduled for August 3, 1998, and the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for August 4, 1998 have been canceled due to the August 4, 1998 Primary Election.

The Clark Exhibit remains on display at the Belleville Area Museum.

The Van Buren Public Safety Department will host "Family Day" at Van Buren Plaza on Sunday, July 12, 1998. Family Day will showcase police and fire equipment, crime prevention, fire prevention, neighborhood watch information, bike patrol and a jaws of life demonstration will occur at 2:30 p.m. The events run from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Wayne County Fair will be held from July 28, 1998 through August 2, 1998.

Residents experiencing gypsy moth infestation are asked to contact the Community Services Department at 699-8921 in order to be added to the inspection list. Inspections will occur in September.

Absentee voter applications have been mailed to all residents aged 60 years and over. If you haven't received an application, please contact the Clerk's Office. Ballots should be delivered to the Clerk's Office by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Election workers are needed. The pay is \$90 for the day which starts at 6:15 a.m. and runs until votes are tallied after the 8:00 p.m. poll closing. Applications for election workers are available in the Clerk's Office.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident made inquiries regarding drain problems, road maintenance, left turn signal at the North Service Drive and Belleville Road and Belleville and Ecorse Roads, strawberry festival buses, speed limit enforcement and weight limit enforcement of trucks. Supervisor Foster, Director Kelley and Director Perkins addressed each issue stating Wayne County is responsible for road and drain maintenance, the installation of street lights and left turn signals. The Strawberry Festival committee is responsible for the contracting of shuttle buses for the festival. The resident was told that speed limit and weight limit enforcement is done by Van Buren Police Department as well county and state level enforcement agencies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Herman moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Foster, CMFA
Township Supervisor

Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk

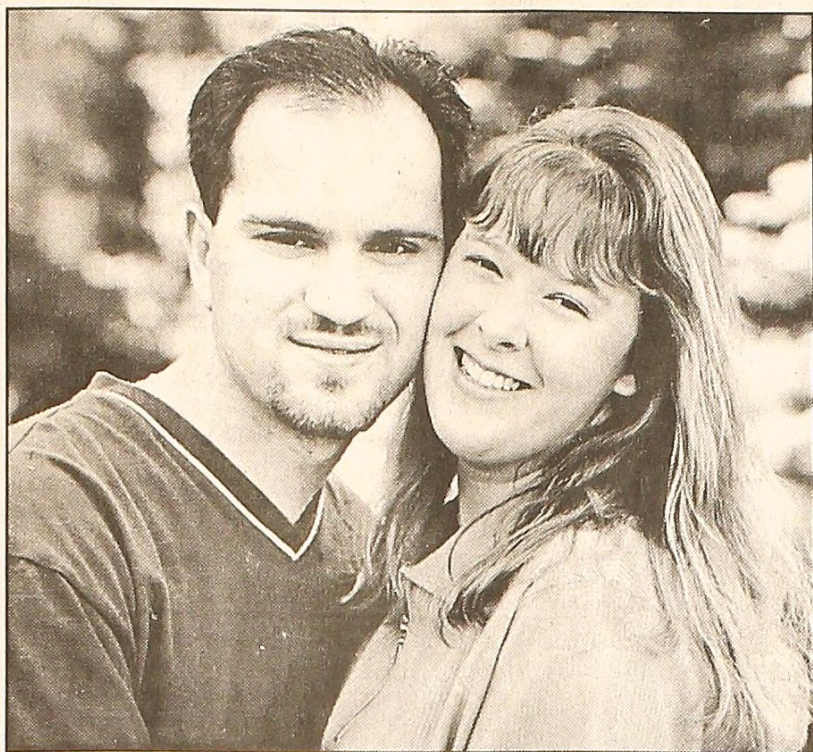
People you know

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Dr. Adilakshimi Kaza of Canton has been named to the Women's Health Center at Oakwood Hospital Beyer Center in Ypsilanti.

Kaza specializes in and is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology. She is fluent in English, Spanish, Hindi and Telugu and received her medical degree from Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, India.

The center is located at the Medical Office Building (200 Arnet, Suite 150) in Ypsilanti. Appointments can be made by calling 734-484-2229 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.



Aaron Selwa and Lori Ann Lancaster

Lancaster, Selwa planning to marry

Lori Ann Lancaster of Van Buren Township and Aaron Jason Selwa of Dearborn are engaged to wed on Oct. 3, 1998 at the Belleville Presbyterian Church.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Belleville High School and currently an employee of T and C Federal Credit Union of Ypsilanti.

She is the daughter of James and Peggy Lancaster, also of Van Buren Township.

The groom-to-be is a 1993 Divine Child High School graduate and earned his associate's degree from Macomb Community College (auto technology).

He currently is employed by Village Ford of Dearborn.

He is the son of Gregory and Barb Selwa of Dearborn.

The couple plan to take a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon.

Engagements



Brian Hadyniak and Kassandra Coutts

Couts, Hadyniak to wed on Aug. 1

Kassandra Lynn Coutts and Brian Michael Hadyniak, both of Belleville, are planning an Aug. 1 wedding at St. Anthony's Church of Belleville.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and currently is employed by the Ford Motor Co. She is the daughter of Robert and Linda Coutts of Garden

City.

The groom to be is a 1996 graduate of Romulus High School and currently is attending Eastern Michigan University. He also works for Ford Motor Co.

He is the son of Charles and Catherine Hadyniak.

They are planning a trip to Cancun for their honeymoon.

Gospel greats remembered

Four gospel singers known for their stirring renditions of songs that touched the heart and soul of listeners across the U.S. are being immortalized this week, as their new commemorative stamps are issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

The stamp sales will originate at the Superdome in New Orleans, La., but then will spread across the U.S. including the Metro Detroit area.

The honored singers are Roberta Martin, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Clara Ward and Mahalia Jackson.

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Roberta Martin was the founder of a group of singers bearing her name.

Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the first gospel singer to record with a major record company, started the Golden Era of gospel.

Clara Ward, leader of the most successful female gospel group of the 1950's was a singer who is said to have "taken God's words to His people wherever they were."

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Kerry Plague of Canton is in the cast of the production of *First Dates and Fickle Hearts* slated to open July 24 at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison in Dearborn.

Plague will play the parts of Teddy and Mr. Smimoff.

The production includes four one act plays about love, ranging from Anton Chekov's *A Marriage Proposal* to Bernhard Shaw's *How He Lied to Her Husband*.

Tickets cost \$10 and most shows are offered at 8 p.m. Sunday afternoon shows are at 2:30 p.m.

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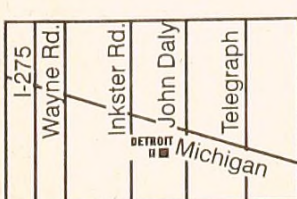


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Police Beat

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

By RITA BEDELL
Police Beat Writer

Canton Reports

At approximately 1:00a.m. on July 10, there was an at-

tempted car jacking at the Speedway Gas Station at the corner of Ford and Lilley Roads.

The victim, a 32 year old Redford resident was getting gas at the Speedway Station.

The suspect, a 32 year old from Southgate, approached the victim demanding the keys to his 91 Geo Storm.

The victim was punched in the face, knocking him to the ground, dropping his keys and wallet.

The suspect picked up both items and then tried to drive off in the victims car without success. The suspect then fled on foot southbound from the station.

A similar attempted car jacking from the I-275 rest area earlier in the night was reported to the Michigan State Police. A knife was used in that attempt.

The description of the suspect matched that of the suspect in the Canton case.

At 7:00a.m., White Castle Restaurant in Canton called in the suspect whom employees observed in the parking lot. Canton Police responded and arrested the suspect without incident at Ford and I-275.

The suspect is David Allen Miller from Southgate and was arraigned by video on two

counts. 1- Armed Robbery, a 15 year felony. 2- Habitual offender, in this case up to life in prison.

Miller plead not guilty. Bond was set at \$150,000, no 10%. Preliminary exam will be held at the 35th District Court on July 17, 1998.

On July 10 at 2:45 a.m., Canton officers were called to the Stoney Brook Apartments for a felonious assault.

Upon arriving, officers found the victim, Mike Belbisi, age 27, from Westland, laying in a pool of blood suffering from a severe head injury.

A window to an apartment was smashed out. It appears the victim and unknown subjects were arguing throughout the night according to neighbors.

The victim was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, and later flown to U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. The victim is listed in critical condition suffering from a severe skull fracture. It is not known at this time if the victim will survive,

VanBuren Reports

A domestic dispute sent officers to make a report on July 3 at 4am in the 46000 block of Lake Villa.

The GNC store in Lakewood Center called police to report a theft by an employee on July 3.

A medical emergency call from the 48000 block of Hull Road sent one person to St. Joe's for treatment.

Someone called in a report of a possible drunk driver on I-94 at Rawsonville Road on July 3 at 12:30pm.

Police scopped the area and could not locate the suspect.

Livonia Police made an arrest on July 3 for a warrant held by Van Buren Police.

Officers went to Livonia and picked up the felon and lodged him at their location.

Police were called to the 6300 block of Gilmore for kids playing with fireworks.

Police went to the location and advised the kids of what could happen should they continue to play with the items.

A car accident was reported at Ecorse and Haggerty Roads on July 3 at 4:58pm.

A breaking and entering report was made on July 3 from the 46000 block of Lake Villa.

Three arrests were made within 20 minutes on July 3.

The first arrest was a suspicious person hanging around the Lake Point Pass area.

The second arrest was a warrant pick up at the Inkster Police Department.

The third arrest was for an assault and battery on a police officer at Huron River Drive and Rawsonville Road.

An injury accident was reported on July 3 at 9:30pm at Belleville Road and the N. Service Drive.

An arrest was made after police responded to a call of an assault in the 11800 block of Quirk Road.

Van Buren Twp. said there were too many fireworks complaints to even list on July 3.

Three domestic problems were reported on July 4. The first call was from the 11500 block of Meadow Ct. The next was from the 9800 block of Jackson. The last report was made from a home in Bellridge.

Property damage was reported from the Wagon Wheel on July 4 at 7:50pm.

Several fireworks complaints were made on the 4th. To list a few of the locations, Lake Pointe Blvd., Harbour Club Apartments, and a second call from each location later in the evening.

Officers responded to all calls and advised each of the locations and suspects of their rights, and the dangers of fireworks.

A grass fire had to be extinguished on July 4 at 10:30pm at Willow Run and Beck Road.

Someone called police from Lakeville to report a suspicious man in the area.

Turned out to be the cable man.

Officers made a traffic stop on east bound I-94 at Rawsonville on July 5 for a possible drunk driver.

They were correct in this assumption and an arrest was made.

Neighbors were not being quite neighborly on July 5 in the 46000 block of Lakeville. Officers were called to the neighborhood to help settle the dispute.

Again, on July 5, several fireworks complaints were responded to. All were advised.

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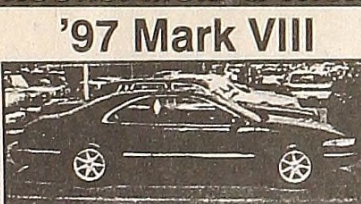
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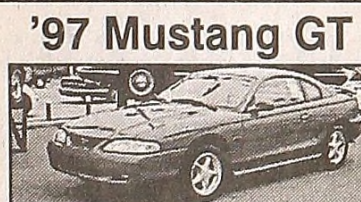
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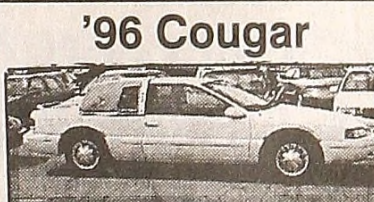
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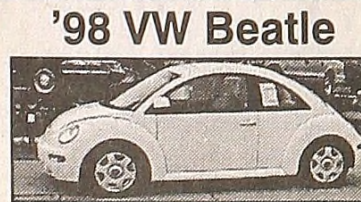
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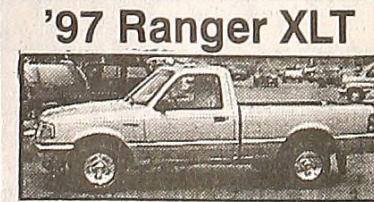
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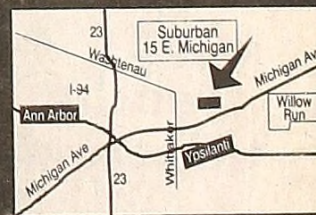
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Grand Am provides sporty styling, spirited performance

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

More than 200,000 sold each year since 1992. That's Pontiac's volume leader, also known as the 1999 Grand Am. This car provides bold, sporty styling, great handling and spirited performance.

When looking at the exterior of this auto, you can see the new athletic stance not to mention the driver focused interior on the all new 1999 Grand Am. This car is sure to appeal to the demanding, style conscious drivers who want an exciting, fun driving experience.

Grand Am gets even more exciting with the introduction of a new engine which is 170 horsepower, 3400, V6. This is better than years past. Just step on the gas in this one, and you can feel the power taking over. When merging on the highway or just taking off from a traffic light, this auto can really move.

The Grand Am has long been a standout in its class for its "notice me" styling. Immediately recognizable with its classic bold Pontiac design cues, the 1999 version has cat-eye headlamps, a twin port grill, round driving lamps and a very wide stance.

Likewise the rear of this one is as distinctively Grand Am as the front with its integrated taillamps, and bold exhaust outlets. New this year, they added round cornering lamps in

the rear to match the ones in the front. These lamps aid in backing up and avoiding obstacles that might just be behind you. The visibility is also very good, no major blind spots to deal with here.

Much of the 1999 Grand Am's dramatically expressive styling lies in its significantly changed proportions that give the appearance of a sprinter about to run the 50-yard dash. The wheelbase is 3.6 inches longer than the model it replaces, but overall length is slightly reduced. Grand Am's 106.7 inch wheelbase is the longest in its class. As a result, it has an aggressive, sporty appearance that is a real eye-catcher. Its lean shape is accentuated by well-toned curves that seem to give it a very athletic build.

Like the exterior, the interior has been designed to be driver and occupant friendly. It has also been detailed to look bold and sporty. Once again though, I still find the signature "red colored" interior dash lights to be rather obnoxious. However, every other knob, button, lever, and switch is just where you would expect them to be, and very user friendly.

There were a few thing that I found to be a little bit of a deterrent though, that is the rear doors on my sedan model didn't open up far enough, be it you are trying to get in or out, it just wasn't all that easy. I also thought that they could have given a little bit more thought to the look of the dash. It was very plain, and had



1998 Pontiac Grand AM

nothing in the way of sporty style, unlike the exterior. The seats were not all that comfortable either.

There are two real nice surprises with the new 1999 Pontiac Grand Am, one is the gas mileage, and two, is the price.

Mileage ranged from 22 miles per gallon on the surface streets to 31 on the highway. And price, wow! My test sedan

had just about every option that one would ever need and the price was still great, as tested \$19,900 and base price

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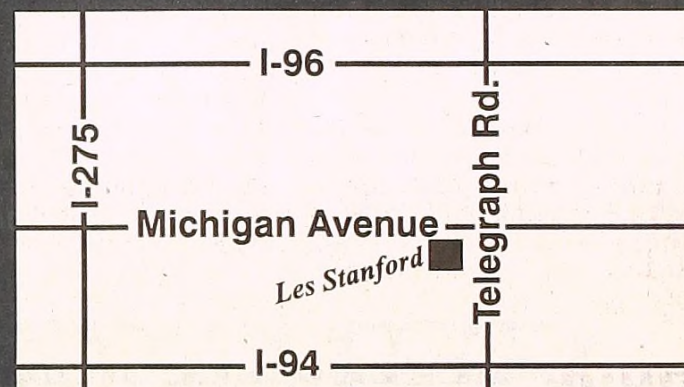
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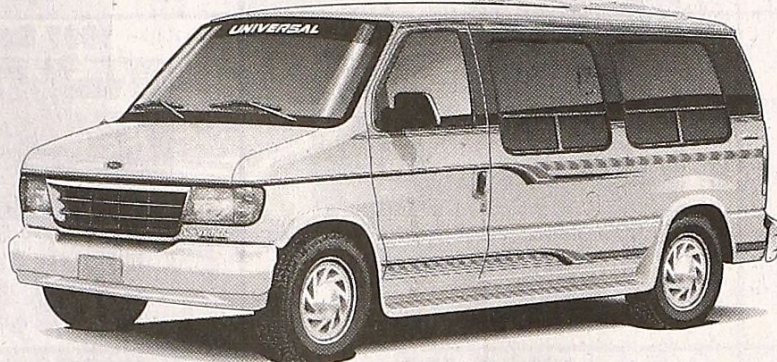
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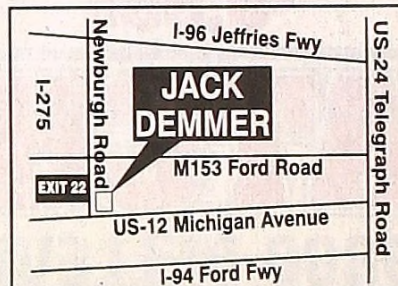
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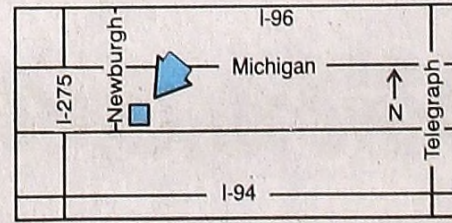
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